

60th birthday of Prof. V. E. Sudarikov, D.Sc.

Prof. Vladislav Evgenievich Sudarikov, one of the eminent world specialists in trematodology, celebrated his important anniversary on 1st June 1976. He was born in the village Osinovka in Gorky region in the family of teacher. His deep interest in nature led him to the Faculty of Sciences of the Institute of Pedagogy in Gorky, which he finished in 1938. Then he started to teach at the Institute of Agriculture in Gorky as assistant in zoology. His pedagogic activities were interrupted by the Second World War. V. Sudarikov entered the Red Army and passed with it through hard fights up to Berlin. In December 1945 he demobilized and returned to his pedagogic activity again to Gorky. Academician K. I. Skryabin took interest in the talented young assistant and invited him to work in the Helminthological Laboratory of the USSR Academy of Sciences in Moscow. At that time Dr. Sudarikov had already gained some experience in helminthology, since he had studied the parasitic worms already before the war in a group headed by Prof. A. A. Sobolev in Gorky. In this group had worked also other helminthologists which later became eminent scientists, as Academician Spassky, Dr. L. P. Spasskaya, Prof. Oshmarin, Prof. Morozov, Prof. Shaldybin, Prof. Sonin, Prof. Demshin and many others.

At the beginning of his scientific career Dr. Sudarikov studied the nematodes of domestic

and free-living animals. He utilized the experience gained during this work as co-author of the book in four volumes "Key to parasitic nematodes". Then he devoted himself to the studies of trematodes and published about 80 original scientific papers on this subject. He is co-author of six volumes of comprehensive monograph "Trematodes of animals and man" edited by the late Academician K. I. Skryabin.

Sudarikov's papers dealing with the ecology of trematodes, their life-cycles and, last but not least, the excellent works concerning their taxonomy and systematics are well-known all over the world.

Prof. Sudarikov devoted much of his activities also to the education of young scientists; many of them became outstanding specialists.

We know Prof. Sudarikov as a modest worker, always ready to help where it is needed. His deep theoretical knowledge of biology has always enabled him to study thoroughly the scientific problems, particularly in the field of helminth ecology.

Czechoslovak parasitologists and helminthologists wish their good friend and co-worker good health and much success in his further scientific activity.

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